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**FORMER HOME HEALTH CARE AIDE SENTENCED IN  
CASE INVOLVING IDENTITY THEFT OF PATIENT**

ALBANY, NY – Glenn T. Suddaby, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced that BARBARA M. McCLINTON, 45, of Kingston, N.Y., was sentenced today by the Hon. Gary L. Sharpe, United States District Court Judge, in Albany, NY.

McClinton, a former home health care provider was convicted of the felony offenses of credit card fraud and aggravated identity theft for stealing the identity of an elderly patient and obtaining credit cards under that identity. McCLINTON received a sentence of 12 months imprisonment for the credit card fraud, and a mandatory minimum consecutive sentence of 24 months to follow, for a total period of imprisonment of 36 months. Judge Sharpe also ordered McCLINTON to pay full restitution to the victim credit card companies.

From May 13, 2005, through September 30, 2005, McCLINTON was employed as a home health care provider who was assigned to an 77 year old woman ("J.D.") in Phoenicia, N.Y. During this time period, McCLINTON took care of J.D. in her home for approximately four to six hours a day. J.D. had been discharged from the hospital and was under medication while under McClinton's care. While working for J.D., McClinton obtained J.D.'s personal identifying information, including her social security number, her date of birth, and her mother's maiden name.

In June and July of 2005, McCLINTON used the social security number and other identifying information of J.D., without J.D.'s knowledge or permission, to obtain at least three credit cards. She used the credit cards, from June 2005 through December 2005, to obtain things of value totaling approximately \$30,000.00. Among the items McClinton obtained in this manner were three vehicles (one for herself and one for each of her two daughters), for which she charged payments to two of the credit cards. Other charges to the credit cards included insurance payments for the vehicles, cash advances, gas, food, and clothing purchases. McCLINTON also used the credit cards and J.D.'s identity information to obtain cell phone services.

The criminal investigation was conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service with assistance from the New York State Police, the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General and the Town of Shandaken Police Department.

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